

MAIN TITLE

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SUB TITLES

1. The Banana was originally found growing wild in the Tropical East, but is now cultivated and used as a principal food in all tropical countries.
2. Morant Town was born out of the banana industry.
3. Most Jamaicans make their living raising bananas, for more bananas come from the Isle of Jamaica than any other place in the world.
4. The machete, which resembles a straight sword, is universally used in tropical countries for grubbing the fields.
5. Coolies are used in doing this kind of work, due no doubt to their "energy."
6. The motive power on the plantation is furnished by Brahman cattle.
7. The coconut is the drinking fountain for the workers.
8. Banana plantations are often 10 to 12 thousand acres in size.
9. The Banana is planted in rows very much like hills of corn.
10. Owner and overseer of the plantation.
11. A banana comes to maturity from the root in 10 or 12 months. From 125 to 175 bunches are produced per acre.
12. Originally the banana possessed seeds, but propagation is now effected by re-planting a part of the roots from old plants.
13. Tab is kept of the number of bunches brought in.
14. There are about 135 bananas on a ~~stem~~ stem.
15. When a ~~belle~~ of Jamaica attends a social function, she carries her shoes on her head and puts them on her feet after she gets there.
16. The bananas are then started on their journey to the point of shipment.
17. The Jamaican is educated from childhood to carry everything possible on his head.
18. All fruit is shipped by steamship. A vessel of 5000 tons capacity is capable of carrying 40,000 bunches of bananas.
19. Here the banana starts on its final journey, which will no doubt end in its destruction for 42,000,000 bunches are consumed annually in the U. S.
20. Arriving at a wholesale house thousands of miles from the land of the banana.
21. On the market.
22. "There are 176 known varieties of the banana but they all look alike to us."

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